

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A tamper-evident labelling material comprising a base layer of synthetic paper that comprises a coextruded core layer between upper and lower skin layers, wherein the base layer is printable on its upper surface[[,]] and has an adhesive layer on the lower surface of the base layer, characterized in that wherein the base core layer comprises a layer of biaxially-oriented and voided high density polyethylene (HDPE) that has a density of not more than 0.6g cm^{-3} .

2. (Previously Presented) The tamper-evident labelling material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the layer of biaxially-oriented and voided HDPE has a density of not more than 0.5g cm^{-3} .

3. (Previously Presented) The tamper-evident labelling material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mean cohesive strength of the labelling material is not more than about 4N.

4. (Previously Presented) The tamper-evident labelling material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mean cohesive strength of the labelling material is not more than about 3N.

5. (Currently Amended) The tamper-evident labelling material as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein the base layer comprises a coextruded core layer of biaxially-oriented and voided HDPE between upper and lower skin layers,~~ wherein the skin layers have a density of more than 0.6g cm^{-3} .

6. (Currently Amended) The tamper-evident labelling material as claimed in claim [[5]] 1, wherein the skin layers have a density of more than 0.9g cm^{-3} .

7. (Currently Amended) The tamper-evident labelling material as claimed in claim [[5]] 1 wherein the skin layers have a thickness of not more than $2\mu\text{m}$.

8. (Currently Amended) The tamper-evident labelling material as claimed in claim [[5]] 1, wherein the skin layers consist of biaxially-oriented and substantially unvoided HDPE.

9. (Currently Amended) The tamper-evident labelling material as claimed in claim [[5]] 1, wherein the thickness of the core layer is about $100\mu\text{m}$.

10. (Previously Presented) The tamper-evident labelling material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base layer comprises a printable layer comprising a polymeric binder, an absorbent pigment and an antistatic agent.

11. (Previously Presented) The tamper-evident labelling material as claimed in claim 10, wherein the binder: pigment dry weight ratio is in the range 15:100 to 50:100, and the antistatic agent: pigment dry weight ratio is from 0.4:100 to 2.5:100.

12. (Previously Presented) The tamper-evident labelling material as claimed in claim 11, wherein the binder comprises a carboxylated styrene-butadiene copolymer.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method of using a labelling material to impart tamper-evident properties to a labeled product, wherein the labelling material comprises a base layer of synthetic paper that comprises a coextruded core layer between upper and lower skin layers, wherein the base layer is printable on its upper surface and has an adhesive layer on its lower surface, ~~for the purpose of imparting tamper-evident properties, of the core layer comprising~~ a layer of biaxially-oriented and voided high density polyethylene (HDPE), ~~characterized in that wherein the core layer of~~ biaxially-oriented and voided HDPE has a density of not more than 0.6 g cm⁻³.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the layer of biaxially-oriented and voided HDPE has a density of not more than 0.5g cm⁻³.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the mean cohesive strength of the labelling material is not more than about 4N.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the mean cohesive strength of the labelling material is not more than about 3N.

18. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, ~~wherein the base layer comprises a coextruded core layer of biaxially-oriented and voided HDPE between upper and lower skin layers,~~ wherein the skin layers have a density of more than 0.6g cm⁻³.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~18~~ 14, wherein the skin layers have a density of more than 0.9g cm⁻³.

20. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~18~~ 14, wherein the skin layers have a thickness of not more than 2µm.

21. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~18~~ 14, wherein the skin layers consist of biaxially-oriented and substantially unvoided HDPE.

22. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~18~~ 14, wherein the thickness of the core layer is about 100µm

23. (Previously Presented) The tamper-evident labelling material as claimed in claim 10, wherein the binder: pigment dry weight ratio is in the range 22:100 to 35:100, and the antistatic agent: pigment dry weight ratio is from 0.4:100 to 2.5:100.